GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE GOVERNMENTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of requests for Central assistance in various heads received from the State Government are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of the requests received during the last one year, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in clearing the requests of the State Government; and

(d) the time by which all the requests for Central assistance are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL

(a) to (d) : No, Sir.

Central assistance for state plan as approved by the Planning Commission is released to the States as block loans and block grants. Apart from the plan assistance and devolution under the Finance Commission`s recommendations, Government of India provides Ways and Means Advances to the State Governments to take care of any temporary mismatch in receipts and expenditure during the course of the year.

Some State Governments had requested for additional assistance/medium-term loans in view of fiscal stress being faced by them consequent upon implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission. Government of India assisted the States facing fiscal stress by advancing plan and non-plan assistance linked to a package of fiscal reforms to be initiated by the States. During the current year Government of India has also extended Extended Ways & Means support to those States who have finalised acceptable and monitorable fiscal reform programmes.